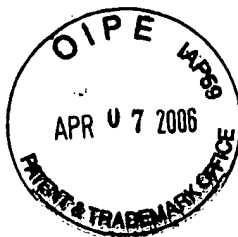


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COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The Notice of Allowability includes an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Please note that MPEP §1302.14 states, in part:

Where specific reasons are recorded by the examiner, care must be taken to ensure that statements of reasons for allowance (or indication of allowable subject matter) are accurate, precise and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow upon the claims. The examiner should keep in mind the possible misinterpretations of his or her statement that may be made and its possible estoppel effects.

The Statement refers to various features that the Statement indicates are "as recited in independent claims 1, 11, 19 and 26". However, it is respectfully submitted that the features referred to in the Statement are from the specific claim language of claim 11. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 19 and 26 use different language than claim 11, and thereby recite different features than claim 11.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Statement improperly groups claims 1, 19 and 26 with the specific language of claim 11. It is respectfully submitted that such grouping of

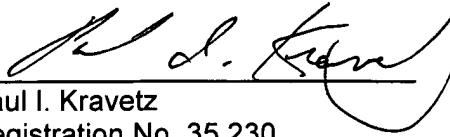
the claims is not proper "reasons for allowance" as directed by 37 C.F.R. §1.104 and as explained in M.P.E.P. §1302.14.

It is further submitted that each claim speaks for itself and should not be interpreted based on the Examiner's grouping of claims in the Statement.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's Statement "raises possible misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects" (M.P.E.P. §1302.14) and is therefore improper.

Respectfully submitted,

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